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Listing Qualifications

By Electronic Mail

June 29, 2012

Mr. Jeffrey Thomas  
Chief, IT Services  
Division of Corporation Finance  
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission  
100 F Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Dear Mr. Thomas:

This is to certify that on June 28, 2012 The Nasdaq Stock Market (the "Exchange") received from CALAMOS STRATEGIC TOTAL RETURN FUND (the "Registrant") a copy of the Registrant's application on Form 8-A 12(b) for the registration of the following security:

Common Shares of beneficial interest  
without par value

We further certify that the security described above have been approved by the Exchange for listing and registration upon official notice of issuance.

We understand that the Registrant is seeking immediate acceleration of the effective date of registration, and we hereby join in such request.

Sincerely,

*William Slattery*

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